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P. W. Chavers, editor of the Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Wm. Guy Ween, both of Columbus, Ohio, visited the city this week. While here they visited the editor of **The Bee**.

Dr. Samuel M. Pierre is fast improving and will no doubt be able to resume his practice in a few weeks.

Miss Jackson of Boston, Mass., was the guest of honor at a reception by Miss Josephine Mason of 1614 Corcoran street, N. W.

Mrs. Lucy Early, mother of Miss Mayme Early has been quite sick, but is now recovering.

The friends of Dr. E. D. Scott of 909 9th street, N. E., are glad to hear of his return to the city entirely recovered from his attack of sickness.

Mrs. Webster, daughter of Mr. Gorham Fletcher, will soon return to her home in Jamaica.

Mrs. Mary Gray is very sick at her home, 24 DeFrees street, N. W.

Prof. Ferris has been asked to be one of the editors of "The Constitutional League," a paper which they hope to edit in Philadelphia, Pa., next month some time.

Miss Goldie Fletcher, who came to the city to attend the funeral of her mother, has returned to take charge of her school in N. J.

Rev. Lamkins has been transferred from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Post Office Department in this city.

The surprise party which was given Mrs. Haley of 45 Hanover street, was an enjoyable affair. It was indeed a surprise to her.

Miss Julia Jenkins, who has been visiting her parents here has returned to her school in Virginia.

There was quite a large attendance at the missionary meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society at the 7th Street Baptist Church. The program was interesting. Every one was convinced that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Mrs. Mabre of 1112 New Jersey avenue, N. W., has left the city to spend the winter in Charlotte, N. C., with her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Robinson.

There was a great deal of disappointment last Tuesday at the Bethel Literary for not hearing Mrs. Walker as was announced. She was indisposed.

Miss Irene Lawson of this city was very much pleased with the few days spent in the Quaker City.

Mr. Harrison Bundy of Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday with his relatives at 83 O street, N. W.

The name of this club shall be the Lily White Social Club of Washington. Charcoal black, chestnut brown, Chinese or Japanese yellow are not eligible to membership.—Part of constitution of Lily Whites. This Lily White Social Club may enroll every white in Washington but it will have no effect upon the white people. Nothing is more distasteful to them than bastardy. The question of color among certain Negroes is doing the same harm.—Editor **The Bee**.

Mr. Harry Lee of this city was entertained while in New Haven, Conn., by Mrs. L. S. Howard at her home, 18 York street.

Mrs. Arabella V. Chase, the Literary Editor of **The Bee**, is confined to her bed by sickness.

Mrs. Jas. Woolridge of this city stopped at Miller's Hotel during her recent visit to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Rosa Thompson, G. W. Miss R. B., True Reformers, left

#### REGISTER VERNON BANQUET.

Register W. T. Vernon was tendered a banquet Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall by a committee of representative citizens of this city. It was a representative gathering of his friends and admirers. The addresses by the guests were eloquent, parental and witty. Architect J. A. Lankford had the banquet in charge and he made it a success.

The address of Register Vernon was pointed and unassuming, which elicited great applause.

Too much cannot be said of Mr. Langford. He is one of the most enterprising men in the city and a man who enters a thing with a will. Mr. Lankford and Register Vernon are fast friends and they both married women of refinement and culture. Mr. Vernon's wife is the daughter of Bishop Emory and Mr. Lankford's wife is the granddaughter of Bishop Turner.

Register Vernon will leave for the West next week.

#### DE LILY WHITE.

Da's some foolish half-white niggers  
Dat am libbin in dis town,  
An da's go mo foolish notions  
Den an ole time circus clown.  
Da's done gone an fom a ciety,  
An da calls hit de elite,  
An do say dat you can't jine em  
Ceptin you kin pass fo white.  
Yass, da say da's not er gwine tu  
Mix wid cullud fokes no moah,  
Ef yu's black er brown or yaller  
Da will sho yu tu de doah.

Yu don't need no repertashun;  
Virtue—hit's not counted in.  
Yu jes needs er little money.  
An er chawck and cheese lak skin,  
Den jes swah dat you will nebbor  
Mix wid cullud fokes no mo,  
Den da'll make you er full member,  
"lily white" from top top tu toe.  
Wen yu am erclusive nigger,  
Rigged out fer tu cut er dash,  
An ef yu's FREE wid yo MONEY,  
Yu kin mix wid "Poah White  
Twash."

Dem dar fokes am sho do limit,  
Da don't b'long to neether race,  
So I guess da's started out tu  
Take thah rite and proper place,  
Case I'se sho no cullud pussen  
Am er hankerin tu claim kin  
Wid er thing so simple minded  
Ez tu judge fokes by thar skin.  
Mongst da white fokes what's respected,  
Da won't nebbor cut no dash,  
So da'll haffter fine thar level  
Mongst da sevens an "Poah White  
Twash."

Ise done seed some crazy loons,  
Ise done seed some apes an monkeys  
An some grizzly, gray babboons,  
Ise done seed some curious varmint  
Now an den fom ebery clime,  
But dese "Lily White" contraptions  
Am de things what beats my time.  
Hope dat da will be successful,  
Hope da'll fine der proper place,  
Case ole Saten's gwie ter cram dem  
All inter de hottest space.  
—James Conway Jackson.

#### HE COMMENDS THE BEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 26, 1907.  
Editor Washington Bee:  
In your issue of the 19th inst. occurs an editorial article under the title "Do We Surrender?"

We have just finished the perusal of the article and cannot refrain from writing to you our congratulations for your strong words of praise for Prof. Washington. He is worthy of high encomiums for the plain, homely advice he gives to our race. Mistakes, yes. Thank the Lord, he is human—so human that he is liable to make them, as well as we, and we hope that **The Bee** has said something to Editor Wilkins which will clear the dust from his eyes and mind, and lead him to believe that the world is full of people, and that he is only one of the units of the hundreds of millions of the world's population.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
R. B. Montgomery,  
Edwin N. Bason.

#### NUMBER OF CHURCHES.

From the last directory of this District issued, there appears to be 115 colored churches apportioned as follows: Baptist, 67; Roman Catholic, 2; Congregational, 4; Protestant Episcopal (including missions), 7; Presbyterian, 1; Seventh-Day Adventists, 1; Swedenborgian, 1; Methodist, 32, embracing all branches. Among our numerous church choirs it may be safely asserted that there are probably only four which may be specially mentioned for their rendition of church music in a highly satisfactory and acceptable manner. These choirs are the St. Augustine's, Fifteenth street near M street northwest; the

Lincoln Memorial, corner of Eleventh and R streets northwest; the People's Congregational, M street between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, and the choir of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Chapel, Twenty-third street northwest, between G and H streets. We suggest to all lovers of good music that they visit these churches from time to time, and hear sacred music rendered in a most beautiful and impressive manner. It will certainly repay the visit and prove both helpful and inspiring.

#### "THE LILS MET."

A special meeting of the Lily White Social Club was called Wednesday evening for the purpose of comparing notes. Only a few met and they greeted one another by saying that "I called to tell you that I could not join." "Did you read **The Bee**?" remarked another. The president of the Lils did not make her appearance, hence it was decided to disband.

Peace be to the Lils. It was a sad meeting and those present sympathized with themselves. The president when last seen was hiding her identity. The secretary did not even show up at the meeting Wednesday evening. The meeting adjourned *sine die*.

#### RABBI ELKIN PREACHES A SERMON ON GENERAL LEE.

From the Alexandria Daily Town Talk  
At the temple last Friday evening Rabbi Elkin took for his subject the life of Robert E. Lee in connection with some episodes from the life of Jacob. Speaking of the conflict of the States in connection with the meeting of Jacob and Esau, he said:

"The ancients tell us that Jacob prepared himself in a three-fold manner to meet Esau. He bethought himself of gifts to placate his brother, then he resorted to prayer, and if these two would not help, then in the last resort, he would wage war as did Abraham for Lot. Robert E. Lee lived through all these compromises which were made to settle the great question of slavery. No question of matter and moment was ever settled till it was settled correctly and these compromises on the slavery issue only staved off the inevitable conflict. There are those who tell us that the conflict would have come without the problem of slavery. The 'Cavalier' of the South and the 'Puritan' of the North are temperaments entirely different and would have come to blows just as they did in England of old. Even if it be true that 'history repeats itself' yet let us not forget that the same problem is today before the American people and the stock in trade for the newspaper cartoonist is the 'Brownsville tragedy.' We have the spectacle presented of a Senator telling us that this great republic is on the eve of a 'race conflict.'"

"In the solution of this question, on the anniversary of this character 'sans peur et sans reproche,' we may profitably ask ourselves how would this warrior who bore the brunt of the battle for the South, have answered this question? Would he have approved of the cartoonist day in and day out, using a simple act of justice as a means to earn bread and butter and indirectly to goad the passions of the people? Would he have approved of a Senator criticizing the President for an act which would have been consummated had the soldiers been white instead of black? Would the great Southerner have joined with those who see in a simple act of justice 'political material and thunder,' which can be used against one who has shown himself on various occasions a friend of the black man? Lee as a soldier accepted the arbitration of war and the central question settled by the titanic struggle would not have been obscured in his lucid and clear mind by the side issues which today are engendered by the living together of the two races. Besides Lee was a peace-loving man. His wife wrote that he shed 'tears of blood' when duty compelled him to draw the sword for his beloved Virginia. Who can calculate the great good which he did for a reconstructed South when under his presidency of Washington and Lee University there were sent out eight hundred young men who, by their culture and education lit up the 'dark places'?"

"Fitting it is that his monument in the Crescent City should be the place where peace and love meet each other; where colored nurse and little babe and romping child flock as if they knew themselves to be at peace under the benign gaze of him who was greater in peace than in war.

"With angels and with men he wrestled and conquered." As a general Lee may be open to criticism in consequence of his magnanimity to take upon himself the blame belonging to officers who did the best they could with the inferior material which a poorer South afforded; but as 'a man of peace' there can be but one verdict. He who makes two blades of grass grow where before there was one, is a public benefactor. What shall be said in eulogy of one who prefers to greater emolument, which might have been his, the praise of a whole people would rise up and call him by that most honored of Jewish titles, Rabbi—Teacher?"

## The Lily Whites

The color prejudice among the colored residents in the city is becoming more alarming daily. This social distemper will be the ruin of the race. It is true that there are certain colored people in this community who have been trying for ages to organize a lily white social club. The Bee spoke briefly last week about the Lotus Club that was organized several years ago. This club admitted none but clerks, teachers and professional men. The club disbanded very soon after it was organized. Many of its members disgraced themselves by their immoral conduct. One or two went to the insane asylum, while others went to the poor house. It was a question of position in this club and not color. The club was organized very soon after the Emancipation of the Negro. Clerks, etc., were new to the newly emancipated and professional men were at a premium. They were called the exclusive set. There are one or two other organizations in this city now that would like to dictate all social functions. It is composed of sporting men, a few clerks and social good time females otherwise called the elite. They are not the citizens of Washington but many of them have been given social standing by the people. A history of many of the members would make the natives blush. Some time ago a social function was to be given by one of these clubs and a gentleman of high social distinction was black-balled by one of its members. The member who black-balled him was from North Carolina. His reason was that he was not seen in many social functions that he attended and his wife was not known. The wife of the member was formerly a public school teacher and from one of the leading families in the city. Normally the lady was above suspicion and stood high socially. The member who objected to the wife and husband was an unknown quantity when he came to the city, but a clerkship in one of the departments gave him quasi social standing among his immediate friends. There are a few social organizations now in existence that have taken the names of several white social clubs, but they are not incorporated. Many of these individuals continue to visit department houses, where they are frequently refused.

#### MOB OF WHITE SOLDIERS.

In a Riot Wrought Havoc Upon Colored Citizens.  
From the Colored World, Columbus, O.  
Columbus, Ohio, January 22, was the scene of a practical repetition of the Brownsville affair shortly after 6.30 Monday evening, when a mob of nearly fifty soldiers started out to wreck the colored citizens of the city on Locust street, between High and Fourth Sts. No shots were fired, but the soldiers wrought much havoc with bricks, stones and clubs. They shattered windows, and assaulted men and women, a few being slightly injured. Nearly every window along the street was broken, and the occupants of the houses fled for their lives. Many white business houses suffered loss of broken windows and other property.

Major E. F. Glenn, commandant at the Columbus Barracks, took prompt and strenuous action to quell the disturbance when it was reported to him. Two companies were quickly assembled and sent to the scene of the trouble in double-quick time, with orders to round up and convey to the post every soldier they found. Both companies were armed. The police officers who were rushed to the scene aided the two companies in arresting all the soldiers they could find.

#### THE LAMB AND THE LION SHALL LIE DOWN TOGETHER.

From the Christian Index.

For a great many years the Washington Bee, published in Washington, D. C., has never seen anything said or done by Booker T. Washington to compliment. It has lost no time in criticizing the sage of Tuskegee, and often handled him without gloves. In an issue of that paper in December there was a change of front by the versatile editor. It spoke very complimentary of Mr. Washington in the highest terms. Indeed we were glad to see that the lamb and the lion have come to be strange bed-fellows. There is no need of eternal warfare on a man because he is doing what he believes to be right. The Washington Bee is ably edited and one of the best weekly papers published anywhere. See!

#### UNITE.

From the Flag of Peace.

Let the Booker T. Washington League and the Anti's unite. Brother Chase is right.

#### A GOOD PRAYER.

From the St. Luke Herald.

It is our daily prayer that the bill to prevent Negroes from enlisting in the army and navy will become a law. Let the Negro take some other road to heaven.

#### FREE LECTURE AND MUSIC.

From the Baptist Trumpet.  
Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond, Va., president of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank; R. W. G. Sec., for the I. O. of St. Luke, with a membership of 30,000 adults and juveniles, also the president of the St. Luke Emporium, with a capital stock of \$40,000, will arrive in this city Wednesday, February 6th.

There will be a mass-meeting of all the councils of the I. O. of St. Luke Wednesday evening, February 6, at the Monumental Baptist Church, Fifty-first and Ludlow streets; Dr. Gordon, pastor. Every member is urged to be present. Music by the choir also. Mrs. Anna M. Washington, of Wayne, Ind., will sing a solo. Mrs. Walker will lecture Thursday evening at the Zion Baptist Church, Thirteenth street below Wallace; Dr. E. W. Moore, pastor.

#### From the Recorder.

Rev. A. H. Gunn of Washington, D. C., who has charge of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in this city, will preach his farewell sermon at Mt. Zion Church on Sunday, February 3. Rev. Gunn came to this city in order to show a favor to Rev. H. H. Harris not seeking to become pastor of any church at all because duty calls him in Washington. Mt. Zion is a good church and her pastor, Rev. Harris, will soon be with them.

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